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SUBJECT: SPRINKLER HEAD RECALL ~~ MORE INFORMATION

On April 16, 2002, Informational Letter #2002-9 entitled, "CMS Survey Quality and Standards Branch State Letter #673" was mailed to you along with a copy of CMS Letter #673 and CMS S&C-02-19 memorandum dated March 8, 2002. The CMS letter and memorandum provided instructions on steps to be taken regarding the voluntary recall of fire sprinkler heads manufactured by Central Sprinkler Company.

Enclosed is a copy of CMS S&C-02-24 memorandum dated April 29, 2002, clarifying which sprinkler heads are involved in the Voluntary Replacement Program. It shall replace the CMS S&C-02-19 memorandum of March 8, 2002. The changes are italicized on the second page of the April 29, 2002, memorandum.

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Essentially it clarifies information that you will need to determine IF you have sprinklers involved in the recall, the Central Sprinkler Voluntary Replacement Program Website, and a Central toll-free Customer Service Hotline.

Should you have any questions regarding the replacement memorandum, Informational Letters #2002-9 and #2001-06 issued by this office, please contact Roger W. Gehrke, Supervisor, Facility Fire Safety & Construction Section at 208/334-6626.

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